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BEGIN SUMMARY: FURTHER CHECK WITH GEN ANDRIAMHAZO ON NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS HAS BROUGHT CONTINUED ADVICE TO DRAG OUT TALKS, PARTICULARLY WHILE HE ABSENT FROM MADAGASCAR DURING MOST OF FEB. SINCE DELAY ALSO SERVES U.S. INTERESTS, WE SHALL CONTINUE AWAIT MALAGASY RESPONSE TO OFFER WE MADE 17JAN AND REPORT TO WASH EVENTUAL MALAGASY REACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN VIEW PLANS MIN TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT GEN ANDRIAMHAZO TO BE OUT OF MADAGASCAR, I CALLED ON HIM 05FEB TO SEE IF HE HAD ANY FURTHER ADVICE TO GIVE ON NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS. SAYING HE WOULD BE ABROAD FROM 07FEB TO ABOUT 24FEB, HE RECOMMENDED WE DRAG OUT NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL HIS RETURN. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE SAME ADVICE TO SEC GEN MIN TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT (WHO IS LEADER FORMAL MALAGASY NEGOTIATING TEAM, AND NOT RAKOTONDRA MASY OF MOFA AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED), BUT HE (ANDRIAMHAZO) WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT SURE THAT FONMIN RATSIRAKA MIGHT NOT GIVE SEC GEN CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS DURING HIS ABSENCE. I MADE CLEAR THAT WE ARE UNDER NO PRESSURE FROM OUR SIDE TO SPEED UP NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ANDRIAMHAZO ALSO INDICATED THAT, WHEN HE HAD RAISED NASA NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEAD OF GOVT GEN RAMANANTSOA, LATTER HAD TOLD HIM TO WORK OUT MALAGASY POSITION WITH RATSIRAKA. THIS IS FURTHER INDICAFION
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TION THAT RAMANANTSOA CONTINUING HOLD HIMSELF ABOVE FRAY, AND THAT AT PRESENT AT ANY RATE CONTESTING FORCES WITH RESPECT TO MALAGASY POSITION SEEM TO BE PRINCIPALLY RATSIRAKA AND ANDRIAMHAZO.

3. ANDRIAMHAZO COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE INTRODUCE SOME "GIVE" INTO MALAGASY POSITION. WHILE HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC ON THIS SCORE, HE INDICATED THAT, WHEN RATSIRAKA HAD POINTED OUT MADAGASCAR HAD ASKED FMG 200MILLION IN RENT AND AMERICANS HAD OFFERED ONLY FMG 7MILLION, HE HAD TOLD RATSIRAKA THEN THING TO DO IS TO BARGAIN.

4. SINCE ANDRIAMHAZO AND I HAD ALSO BEEN TALKING ABOUT AID (CHINESE, LIBYAN, RUSSIAN--ABOUT WHICH THERE HAS BEEN MUCH IN PRESS PAST FEW DAYS AND ON WHICH WE SHALL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY), I NOTED THAT NASA IS NOT AN AID ORGANIZATION AND HAS TO WORK WITHIN ITS BUDGET. HE COMMENTED, WITH OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO RATSIRAKA, THAT WITH SO MUCH AID COMING FROM OTHERS, PERHAPS MALAGASY DEMAND ON U.S. COULD BE LESSENNED.

5. HE HOWEVER ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER CHINESE AID AND EXTENT TO WHICH MADAGASCAR MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED THEREBY WITH CHINESE GOVT. HE SAID THAT, IF MALAGASY FOREIGN POLICY IS TO BE OMNIDIRECTIONAL AS RATSIRAKA STATES, THEN MADAGASCAR SHOULD MAINTAIN TIES WITH WEST AS WELL AS OPEN THEM TO EAST.

6. ANDRIAMHAZO OFFERED GET IN TOUCH WITH ME BEFORE HE LEAVES EVENING 07FEB IF ANYTHING RELEVANT TO NASA NEGOTIATIONS ARISES.
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